

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CY  
SUBJECT: GOC FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES TO REMAIN IN OFFICE

REF: NICOSIA 2095

1. WHEN I SAW HIM ON OTHER MATTERS AUG 23, GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES REFERRED BACK TO HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME THE DAY OF MAKARIOS' FUNERAL (REFTEL). HE SAID THE IDEA OF WORKING WITH KYPRIANOU WAS AS REPUGNANT TO HIM AS EVER. HOWEVER, HE HAD BEEN "TRAPPED" BY CIRCUMSTANCES. HAD HE LEFT THE CABINET, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONLY MINISTER TO FLOUT THE POST-MAKARIOS, SACROSANCT PRINCIPLES OF UNITY AND CONTINUITY. AFTER CLERIDES, PAPADOPOULOS AND OTHERS ACQUIESCED IN A KYPRIANOU STATUS QUO UNTIL FEBRUARY, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN CRITIZED AS A DEFECTOR.

2. CHRISTOPHIDES SAID THAT IN AGREEING TO STAY UNTIL UNTIL FEBRUARY HE HAD MADE CERTAIN STIPULATIONS WITH KYPRIANOU: THAT THERE SHOULD INDEED BE CONTINUITY OF POLICY, INCLUDING PRIMARY RELIANCE ON US FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE CYPRUS PROBLEM; THAT HE WOULD BE WATCHING KYPRIANOU'S ACTIONS FOR SIGNS THAT THESE WERE BEING DICTATED BY THE LEFT; AND ALL BETS WOULD BE OFF IN FEBRUARY.

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